

February 24, 2021

The Honorable Rick Billinger, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Statehouse, Room 545-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Billinger:

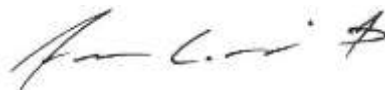
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 232 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 232 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 232 would require the Director of the Budget, in both FY 2021 and FY 2022, to identify any federal coronavirus relief funds received by any state agency that “may be expended at the discretion of the state.” The Director of the Budget would be required to certify any amounts by fund determined to be “discretionary” to the Director of Accounts and Reports, as well as to the Director of Legislative Research. If the amount certified is greater than \$5.0 million, the Director of Accounts and Reports would transfer \$5.0 million of the amount certified from the identified federal funds to the COVID-19 Hazard Pay for Teacher Fund. The fund would be appropriated by the bill with a “no-limit appropriation” in both FY 2021 and FY 2022. The Department of Education would distribute any available monies in the fund to eligible teachers, as determined by the agency.

The Division of the Budget indicates that SB 232 could be implemented with the agency’s existing staff and budget. Any funds distributed to eligible teachers by the Department of Education would depend on if sufficient discretionary coronavirus relief federal funds are identified by the Director of the Budget with an aggregate total of greater than \$5.0 million. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 232 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education